

Subpart B—Official U.S. Standards for Palatability Scores for Dried Whole Eggs

55.800 Preparation of samples for palatability test.

55.820 Palatability scores for dried whole eggs.

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Subpart A—Inspection and Grading of Egg Products

DEFINITIONS

§ 55.1 Meaning of words.

Under the regulations in this part words in the singular shall be deemed to import the plural and vice versa, as the case may demand.

§ 55.2 Terms defined.

For the purpose of the regulations in this part, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall be construed, respectively:

Act means the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1087; 7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.), or any other Act of Congress conferring like authority.

Administrator means the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department or any other officer or employee of the Department to whom there has heretofore been delegated, or to whom there may hereafter be delegated the authority to act in his stead.

Applicant means any interested party who requests any grading or inspection service, or appeal grading or appeal inspection, with respect to any product.

Chief of the Grading Branch means the Chief of the Poultry Grading Branch, Poultry Division, Agricultural Marketing Service.

Class means any subdivision of a product based on essential physical characteristics that differentiate between major groups of the same kind, species, or method of processing.

Condition means any condition (including, but not being limited to, the state of preservation, cleanliness, soundness, wholesomeness, or fitness

for human food) of any product which affects its merchantability; or any condition, including, but not being limited to, the processing, handling, or packaging which affects such product.

Department means the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Eggs of Current Production means shell eggs which have moved through the usual marketing channels since the time they were laid and are not in excess of 60 days old.

Holiday or *Legal holiday* shall mean the legal public holidays specified by the Congress in paragraph (a) of section 6103, Title 5, of the United States Code.

Inspection/grading means (1) the act of determining, according to the regulations, the class, quality, quantity, or condition of any product by examining each unit thereof or a representative sample drawn by a grader; (2) the act of issuing a certificate; or (3) the act of identifying, when requested by the applicant, any product by means of official identification pursuant to the Act and this part.

Inspection and grading certificate or *certificate* means a statement, either written or printed, issued by a grader or inspector pursuant to the Act and this part, relative to the class, quality, quantity, and condition of products.

Inspector/grader means any employee of the Department authorized by the Secretary, or any other person to whom a license has been issued by the Secretary, to investigate and certify, in accordance with the Act and this part, to shippers of products and other interested parties the class, quality, quantity, and condition of such products.

Interested party means any person financially interested in a transaction involving any grading, inspection, or appeal grading or inspection of any product.

National Supervisor means (1) the officer in charge of the service of AMS, and (2) such other employee of AMS as may be designated by him.

Office of grading means the office of any grader or inspector.

Official plant means any plant in which the facilities and methods of operation therein have been found by the